



Welcome to St Alban's Church Patronal Festival

Before the children leave for Junior Church we pray:

Dear God, this church is a family.

**Help us to learn together, to worship together,
to share together and to pray together.**

In Jesus name. Amen.

OPENING HYMN *Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)*

**1 Praise, my soul, the king of heaven!
To his feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the everlasting king!**

**2 Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him still the same for ever,
slow to chide and swift to bless.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Glorious in his faithfulness!**

**3 Father-like he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Widely as his mercy flows!**

**4 Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace!**

We are gathered together as one body.

**† In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
The Lord be with you. And also with you.**

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

The saints were faithful unto death and now dwell in the heavenly kingdom for ever. As we celebrate their joy, let us bring to the Lord our sins and weaknesses, and ask for his mercy.

We are often slow to follow the example of Christ.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

We often fail to be known as Christ's disciples.
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

We often fail to walk the way of the cross.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you
† pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GLORIA

All sing

***Glory, glory to God, glory to God in the highest heav'ns;
peace, peace, peace on the earth;
peace to God's people, all people on earth. (Repeat)***

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Glory, glory...**

**Lord Jesus Christ, Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy, mercy on us. Have mercy, mercy on us.**

**You are seated at the right hand, at the right hand of the Father,
receive, Lord, receive our prayer. Receive, Lord, receive our prayer.**

Glory, glory...

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
You alone are the most high, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
In the glory, glory of God, the glory of God the Father.**

Glory, glory...

Amen, amen.

THE COLLECT (The special prayer of the day)

Eternal Father,
when the gospel of Christ first came to our land
you gloriously confirmed the faith of Alban
by making him the first to win a martyr's crown:
grant that, following his example,
in the fellowship of the saints
we may worship you, the living God,
and give true witness to Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Isaiah 43.1-7

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN *Henry Smith © 1978 Integrity's Hosanna! Music*

**Give thanks with a grateful heart.
Give thanks to the Holy One.
Give thanks because he's given
Jesus Christ, his Son. (Repeat)**

***And now let the weak say, "I am strong",
let the poor say, "I am rich",
because of what the Lord has done for us. (Repeat)***

(Repeat all from beginning finishing with 'Give thanks')

THE GOSPEL

We sing... **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia; alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

John 12. 24-26

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

We sing... **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia; alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

THE SERMON

THE NICENE CREED *Please stand if you are able*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten not made,
of one Being with the Father, through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;
he was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand
of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and
the dead and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

At the end of the prayers we say together:
**Merciful Father, accept these prayers,
for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

THE PEACE *Please stand if you are able*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

OFFERTORY HYMN ©Eric James 1977

**1 Sing we of St Alban:
Saint, Confessor of our land.
Tell aloud his story:
How he joined the martyrs' band:
For among the roses brightly shines St Alban.**

**2 Soldiers of the Emp'ror
sought to slay a nameless priest;
Alban gave him shelter,
donned his clothes and scorned the Beast;
so among the roses brightly shines St Alban.**

**3 "I confess", said Alban,
"Help me now to be baptised."
But with blood and water,
in Christ's death he died, to rise;
so among the roses brightly shines St Alban.**

**4 Stone on stone they builded
Church and Abbey o'er his shrine;
but the true memorial
is the body which is thine;
so among the roses brightly shines St Alban.**

**5 Praise to God the Father,
praise to Spirit and to Son,
in whose blest communion
we and all his saints are one;
and among the roses brightly shines St Alban.**

THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

God of faithfulness,
your servant Alban praised you in his death.
Receive all we bring before you this day
and give us the strength of will
to proclaim your righteousness and love.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For following the example of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, your holy martyr Alban shed his blood for the glory of your name.

His death reveals your power made perfect in our human frailty. You choose the weak and make them strong in bearing witness to you through Jesus Christ our Lord.

With joyful hearts we echo on earth the song of the angels in heaven as they praise your glory without end:

All sing **Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of pow'r and God of might.
Heaven and earth, heaven and earth,
are full of your glory, your power and might.
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest heav'ns!
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest heav'ns!**

**Blessed, blessed is he who comes.
Blessed, blessed is he who comes.
Blessed is he, blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest heav'ns!
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest heav'ns!**

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that

broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; Do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

All sing **Dying you destroyed our death,
Rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come. Lord Jesus, come;
Lord Jesus, come in glory.
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest heav'ns!
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest heav'ns!**

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Alban, and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us, as our Saviour taught us so we pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name;
Your kingdom come, your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
And forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.
Amen.**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

AGNUS DEI

We sing **Jesus, Lamb of God, bread of life for us;
Jesus, Lamb of God, wine of joy for us;
Jesus, Lamb of God bearing all our sin;
Have mercy on us, give us your peace.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, source of unity;
Jesus, Lamb of God, precious cornerstone;
Jesus, Lamb of God bearing all our sin;
Have mercy on us, give us your peace.**

God's holy gifts, for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Any member of the congregation may come to receive a blessing. All baptised Christians who receive communion in their own church are welcome to receive communion.

COMMUNION HYMN *Francis Stanfield (1835-1914)*

**1 Sweet Sacrament divine,
hid in thine earthly home;
lo! round thy lowly shrine,
with suppliant hearts we come;
Jesus, to thee our voice we raise
In songs of love and heartfelt praise
sweet Sacrament divine.**

**2 Sweet Sacrament of peace,
dear home of every heart,
where restless yearnings cease,
and sorrows all depart.
there in thine ear, all trustfully,
we tell our tale of misery,
sweet Sacrament of peace.**

**3 Sweet Sacrament of rest,
ark from the ocean's roar,
within thy shelter blest
soon may we reach the shore;
save us, for still the tempest raves,
save, lest we sink beneath the waves:
sweet Sacrament of rest.**

**4 Sweet Sacrament divine,
earth's light and jubilee,
in thy far depths doth shine
the Godhead's majesty;
sweet light, so shine on us, we pray
that earthly joys may fade away:
sweet Sacrament divine.**

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

God our redeemer,
whose Church was strengthened
by the blood of your martyr Alban:
so bind us, in life and death, to Christ's sacrifice,
that our lives, broken and offered with his,
may carry his death and proclaim his resurrection in the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ.
Through Him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN *Frances J. van Alstyne (1820-1915)*

**1 To God be the glory! Great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.**

***Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son;
And give him the glory, great things he has done!***

**2 O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To every believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.**

Praise the Lord...

**3 Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son:
But purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our worship, when Jesus we see!**

Praise the Lord...

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

God give you grace to follow his saints in faith and love and steadfastness; and the blessing ...

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ.

Amen.

REGULAR SERVICES AND EVENTS AT ST ALBAN'S

SUNDAY SERVICES:

Sung Eucharist 9:45am weekly

WEEKDAY SERVICES:

Thursday 9:30am Said Eucharist

followed by Heart of Welcome Café 10am-12pm

Saturday Prayers 9.30am next one Saturday 12th July



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